# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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BMI in Women
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of women in India whose BMI is below normal;

(b) the steps taken to improve BMI of women; and

(c) the funds spent on activities during the last three years?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS), the percentage of women in the age group of 15-49 years whose BMI is below normal, i.e., less than 18.5 kg/m2 has come down from 35.5% in NFHS-III(2005-06) to 22.9% in NFHS-IV(2015-16)
(b): The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes/programmes through different Ministries/Departments and through State Governments /UT Administrations. These include the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), National Health Mission, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Maternity Benefit Programme as direct targeted interventions.
Besides this, indirect multi-sectoral interventions include National Food Security Act 2013, Swachh Bharat Mission, National Rural Drinking Water Programme, etc.
All these schemes have potential to address one or other aspect related to nutrition of women.
(c): The funds spent during the last three years on schemes such as ICDS, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, and Maternity Benefit Programme are at Annexure-1, 2 & 3.
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